

'PUBLIC BENEFIT' IS THE POINT

Inspiration-Keystone Suit Final Arguments Filed; Decision Important to All Mining Property Holders

PHOENIX, Feb. 5.—(Special).—Final arguments have been presented to the supreme court in the case of the Inspiration Consolidated Copper company versus the New Keystone Copper company. This case involves many legal points and is of much general interest. Just what constitutes a "public benefit" is the principal question which the supreme court must decide.

The Inspiration company desires a right of way for a tunnel through the Keystone claim, in the Miami district, which is controlled by the same interests that control the Miami Copper company. It is claimed that such a tunnel is necessary in order to haul out the ore of the Live Oak property, that the operation of the Live Oak will give employment to a great number of people and increase the taxes paid to the state. These are the reasons advanced for the contention that the tunnel would be a public benefit.

Work on the tunnel was started from the Inspiration ground in 1913. It was 200 feet into the Keystone claim before the Miami people knew anything about it. They promptly applied for and obtained an injunction restraining the Inspiration company from extending the tunnel further. This injunction was issued from the superior court of Gila county.

Immediately the Inspiration company began condemnation proceedings to obtain a right of way for the tunnel. The Miami interests contended that owing to the formation of the ore body the existence of the injunction will be forced perpetually to maintain the Keystone as an idle claim. Since the public would not participate directly in the benefit, their attorneys declared, the tunnel could not be legally termed a public benefit. The principal benefit would accrue to the Inspiration Copper company, it was argued.

Judge Shute denied the application for right of way and an appeal was taken to the supreme court. The final arguments for the appellant were made by Curtis H. Lindley, an authority on mining law from San Francisco, and by E. W. Rice, of Globe. R. L. Alderman of Globe represented the appellee.

NEW TAX SYSTEM ON ARIZONA REALTY?

Expert Arrives to Explain the Somers Method to the State Commissioners

(Phoenix Bureau of the Review.)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 5.—Arizona cities are to have the Somers system of real estate valuation if the state tax commissioners can possibly bring it about. William Young, an expert of the Manufacturers' Appraisal Company, of Cleveland, is coming to see about installing the system, which his concern controls. He is due to arrive in Phoenix Friday

SEEKS TO BREAK AQUATIC RECORD



Dorothy Becker.

San Francisco has a four-year-old girl who aspires to startle the swimming world. She is Dorothy Becker, schoolgirl and all-around athlete, and she has been selected to represent the exposition city as its mermaid in the great mid-Pacific aquatic carnival in Honolulu February 20 and 21.

morning. The commissioners asked the company to send an expert to Arizona and Young, who was here during the time of the legislature was in session last spring, was the man chosen for the job after one selection had been rejected by the commission.

In the meantime the commissioners have scattered to three parts of the state to bring various city councils up to the point of considering the Somers system and of patiently listening to its exposition by Expert Young. Chairman C. M. Zander has gone to Prescott, where he is seeing the Yavapai supervisors and the Prescott councilmen. P. J. Miller left for Tucson and Nogales and Charles R. Howe for Tombstone. It being arranged that the city officials of Douglas and Bisbee would meet him there.

The Somers method is to determine property values by ascertaining public opinion. The assessing body starts out by calling representative citizens into conference and asking them what certain pieces of city property are worth. There is also a plan of grading down from the most valuable piece of property in a city, taking location into consideration.

CAPTAIN INCH COMMANDS SHIP

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 5.—The steamship Principello, the newest and largest vessel of the Uranium Line, sailed from here today on her maiden trip to New York. The new ship is in charge of Captain Francis Inch, who commanded the ill-fated Volturino when that vessel was burned at sea last October with the loss of many lives, and who later was exonerated of any blame and warmly praised for the bravery and efficiency he displayed at the time of the catastrophe.

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CAMPBELL OUT; OTHERS TO STAY

Keegan and Henderson Will Continue on Fair Commission; Other Phoenix News

(Phoenix Bureau of the Review.)

PHOENIX, Feb. 5.—One fair commissioner has resigned but prospects are that the other two will serve at least another year. With reluctance, Governor Hunt has accepted the resignation of Hugh Campbell, president of the commission, who has been a member for six years.

About a month ago Campbell tendered his resignation to the governor. It was at first refused but Campbell insisted that he could not afford to devote any more time to the fair. The sheep business required all his attention, he said, and he thought that he had done his part.

Governor Hunt has asked T. A. Rioridan, of Flagstaff, to fill the vacancy, but Mr. Rioridan's acceptance has not been received at the capital. He is one of the leading lumbermen of Northern Arizona.

When the commissioners last met in Phoenix a little over a month ago, all the members had decided to resign. J. J. Keegan and J. R. Henderson were persuaded to remain, however.

It is expected that as soon as the commission is whole again a successor to Secretary S. R. Wood will be chosen. There are half a dozen applicants for the place. Despite the fact that he is a republican, C. R. Laird, of Phoenix, seems to be in the lead.

The pending application of the Arizona Swansea Mining company for permission to increase its capital stock from \$600,000 to \$700,000 has been denied by the corporation commission. The company was last week adjudged bankrupt by Federal Judge William H. Sawtelle.

Not without a fight in the federal courts will the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe consent to receive and discharge passengers at Arizona points from its train No. 3, westbound.

Early in the year the corporation commission ordered the company to accommodate local passengers to and from Arizona stations on its trans-continental trains. This the company had not been doing for some time. Subsequently the Santa Fe asked permission that No. 3 be exempted from the rule, claiming that another train which runs close to No. 3 gives sufficient service. This the commission refused to do, after hearing, and the railroad attorneys announced that action would be brought in the federal court.

Corporation Commission F. A. Jones did not approve the compromise reached between the commission and the Pacific Gas & Electric company, of Phoenix. Jones wrote a dissenting opinion in which he severely criticized the attitude of the other commissioners. He holds that the company was allowed too high a valuation on its property.

FRENCH MEMORIAL TO SCOTT

PARIS, Feb. 5.—The Captain Scott memorial, the cost of which was reduced by private subscription in France, was unveiled today on the Col. de Lautaret of motor sleighs which he intended to use in his dash to the South Pole. The unveiling was conducted under the auspices of the French Alpine Club.

SOLON'S DAUGHTER IS A VASSAR GIRL



Miss Natalie Sutherland.

Miss Natalie Sutherland, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Howard Sutherland of Elkins, West Virginia, is a student at Vassar college. She has just returned to her school work after a visit with her parents at the national capital.

COURTLAND LOCAL NEWS

(Arizonian.)

Thomas Forbes of Whitewater, is fast completing a cement blockhouse of four rooms at his homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Renaud, accompanied by K. A. Rothe, motored over from Pearce Tuesday.

E. P. Grindell, of McNeal, was a caller at the Arizonian office Monday having motored up from the valley town.

President William Holmes of the Leadville company departed Sunday for California expecting to remain away some three or four weeks.

Miss Carrie Williams has received her commission as postmaster, and Mrs. A. Brown will surrender the office to her on the first of February.

The furniture of the Western hotel was loaded up Thursday and shipped to Douglas, the edville Stable company moving the goods from the hotel to the car.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Chaffee spent Sunday at their ranch, north from Pearce, motoring over early in the day.

Rev. S. C. Platts, T. E. Hendrix and Ed Lewis of Benson, drove through to Courtland today. Messrs. Hendrix and Lewis returned Wednesday to Benson, while Rev. Platts went to Douglas to meet his wife, who has been visiting their daughter at the Smelter City.

One of the school children that visited Bisbee during the holidays has given a number of the other children something to always remember her by, as she dispensed the measles among the other, though so far only the girls have taken the malady. There are four now confined to their rooms, they being Vera Bright, Katherine Wood, Lizzie Kries and Marcia Brown. All are reported as doing as well as could be expected.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL IN BENSON DISTRICT

The Vote Shows a Strong Sentiment in Favor of New Institution at That Place

BENSON, Feb. 5.—Benson, St. David, Curtis and Robinson School districts voted Saturday for the establishment of a Union High School. The result was as follows:

	For	Against
Benson	151	8
Marcos	9	49
(St. David District)		
St. David	9	7
(Middle District)		
Curtis—No report in yet.		
(Upper District)		
Robinson	52	

This means that there will be established a Union High School composed of Benson and Robinson; the St. David district will not be in because the Marcos District there joins the Benson district and as the vote requires that the districts shall adjoint, it cuts out the Marcos, St. David and Curtis districts of St. David proper.

Within fifteen days another election will be held to decide the location for the school and it will no doubt be in Benson.

It is expected that the old Industrial school building will be used for the first year at least and that about forty scholars will enroll for the first year.

The Benson opposition was led by Morrison and M. K. Sipe, but the result clearly shows that they were not supported. The successful side was led by Chas. F. Moss, Don Merrill and, in fact, all the progressive element.

to sink another 200 or 250 feet. He now has a 25-horse-power engine on the ground and a 100-gallon capacity pump, and is ready to start operations that will develop a large supply of water.

Miss Van Sock, principal of the Courtland schools was the recipient of good news Wednesday, when she was informed that her brother who had been a sufferer for more than a year was operated upon Saturday when a pin that had passed through the stomach, intestines and appendix finally imbedded itself in the pelvic bone, was discovered, explaining his peculiar ailment that had mystified the physicians. Later reports are to the effect that he is getting along nicely.

SWEDES TO DEFEND NEUTRALITY STOCKHOLM, Feb. 5.—If present plans are carried out tomorrow will witness a demonstration without precedent in magnitude and purpose in the history of Sweden. On that day 20,000 peasants are expected to arrive here from the provinces to present to the King and Premier petitions in favor of strengthening the navy. The chief purpose of the demonstration is to induce the Government to comply with the popular demand for greater security of Swedish neutrality in the event of a war among its powerful neighbors. For a long time past the matter has been a subject of debates in the Riksdag, but so far no definite action has been taken. The general sentiment is strongly in favor of having an army and navy of such strength as to discourage the powers from incubating war plans based on the assumption that Swedish neutrality cannot be defended successfully. Belgium has been induced by the same motives to largely increase her armed strength and a similar agitation is under way in Norway.

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